

Official Views of World's War

FRENCH

Paris, May 12.—The French trenches southwest of Fort Douaumont and positions to the north of the Thiaumont Farm were violently bombarded yesterday, according to the official report of the French war office issued today. The report says that all of the German attacks were repulsed, the enemy sustaining serious losses. On the left bank of the Meuse, the French continued their advance. The German attacks were repulsed, the enemy sustaining serious losses. On the left bank of the Meuse, the French continued their advance.

The text of the statement follows: "On the left bank of the Meuse the artillery combat continued without interruption in the sectors of the Woods of Avocourt and Hill 304. During the night we realized further progress in the vicinity of Hill 287."

"On the right bank the Germans renewed yesterday their attacks on our trenches southeast of Fort Douaumont. In spite of the violence of the bombardment which preceded the enemy assaults our line did not waver at any point. All attacks were repulsed with serious losses for the enemy. Other attempts during the night upon our positions north of Thiaumont Farm were likewise arrested by our curtain of fire and machine guns."

"At Eparges a strong German reconnoitering party which after a bombardment attempted to reach our lines was unable to do so."

"In the forest of Parroy and at Ban-de-Sapt there was quite a lively cannonade."

"On the rest of the front the night was calm."

GERMAN

Berlin, May 12.—The repulse of a night attack by the French southwest of Dead Man Hill, on the Verdun front, is reported in today's official statement by the war office. Attempts by the French to advance in the Avocourt and Malancourt Woods also were frustrated.

Rescued From River, He Dies In Hospital

Richard Drake, aged 42, who was rescued from the Pequonnock river into which he had fallen from the Wall street dock, died at St. Vincent's hospital late last night. He resided at 48 Highland avenue. Pneumonia is given as the cause today though Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick had not been officially notified of the case at noon today.

PIPE CRUSHES TOES

A heavy pipe fell upon the left foot of Carmine De Zino, 26, years old, employed at the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. plant this morning, crushing two toes. He was removed in the city ambulance to the office of Dr. Arthur Springour for treatment.

DIED.

COTTELL—In this city, May 12, 1916, Nettie Knight, wife of Edwin Dwight Cottrell, aged 54 years old. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at her late home, No. 1134 Ogden street extension on Monday, 15th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

WASHBURN—In this city, May 12, 1916, Elizabeth, daughter of Charles E. and Elizabeth Washburn, aged 18 years, 8 months, 15 days. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the mortuary chapel of August G. Baker, 1297 Stratford avenue on Monday, May 15, at 2 p. m. Interment Park cemetery.

McNALLY—In Meriden, May 11, 1916, Elizabeth, daughter of Catherine and the late Lawrence McNally. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her mother, 102 East Main street, on Monday, May 15, at 3:30 p. m., and from St. Mary's church at 9 a. m. Interment St. Michael's cemetery.

WALSH—There will be high mass of requiem (Anniversary mass) celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late, Florence Evans Walsh, Monday morning at 7:30 a. m., at St. Charles' church. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

FOR SALE—Two family house, East End, 8 rooms, all improvements. Inquire, 107 Linn Ave.

WANTED—Handy man in factory and yard man. Call Blue Ribbon Auto and Carriage Co., Fairfield Ave.

WANTED—Wood working machine hands, experienced on variety moulders, band saws and circular saws. Blue Ribbon Auto and Carriage Co., Fairfield Ave.

FOR SALE—4 room cottage, lot 50x150, 1 minute from trolley and school. 20 minutes walk from Remington Arms. Apply Owner, 39 Barnum Terrace, Stratford.

FOR SALE—Fine residence, Park Ave.; 2 family house, Carleton Ave.; Cottage, Harkimer St.; double house, Fairfield Ave.; double house, Noble Ave. Watson, 33 Fairfield Ave.

WANTED—Experienced trained nurse, capable of taking charge of baby, 17 months old. References required. Call at 1843 Fairfield Ave., City.

LEGAL NOTICE—All pledges up to number 26479 dated before Nov. 15, 1915 are for sale: 29671, 29666, 29660, 29664, Nov. 1219, 29662, Nov. 12, 29658, 29681, 29679, Nov. 11; 29650, 29640, 29638, 29634, Nov. 10; 29618, Nov. 9; 29446, Nov. 6; 29587, 29586, Nov. 5; 29359, Nov. 4, 1915. Charles A. Peck, 43 Middle St., City.

GREATEST BARGAIN in the city in Real Estate, \$3,000 cash; buy 1 room fireproof brick apartment house with all modern improvements. Has 6 baths and is located in very desirable section. Can be used as small hotel or for separate apartments. Price very reasonable if bought within a few days. Must be seen to be appreciated. Phone, write or call, L. Weiss, 1438 Main St., Phone 2445-3.

VICE COMMISSION PRESENTS REPORT

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In every community are a group of degenerate or sexually insane persons of both sexes who make prey of society, and who stop at nothing to gratify their unnatural lusts. We recommend that such persons be treated as abnormal and anti-social members of society, and their cases disposed of by the courts in accordance with law after diagnosis and recommendation of the psychopathic board which we hereafter recommend.

The forms of unnatural and calculated stimulation of the sex instinct and passion are many. Those which we have found most flagrant are indicated in the following recommendations:

We recommend that the patronage of all saloons be carefully watched by the police, that the law prohibiting loitering of women be strictly enforced, and that the police be instructed to take into the power and authority all the public amusements, shows and recreations of the city. This commission should have the right to grant or withhold or rescind licenses; it should have the power to enforce its orders; and it should organize with the help of the various boards and organizations, recreations in schools, parks, districts and theaters, its control over the city's amusements, shows and theaters should be complete.

We recommend that all private booths and side rooms in restaurants, cafes and saloons be forbidden, and that where now existing they be ordered taken down by the authorities.

The Medical Facts.

The rapid spread of venereal disease in Bridgeport, and its baneful effects on the health of society, were indicated by the testimony of physicians before the commission. Altogether apart from the moral aspect of the vice situation to them the better control of vice seems necessary for the health of the city.

We make the following recommendations:

That there should be an amendment to the present law relating to the reporting of venereal infection to the board of health. The suggestions made by the Hartford commission would, we believe, be quite satisfactory.

The report could be made sufficiently descriptive, without disclosing the identity of the person and to prevent duplication of the same case even if reported by several physicians. Such case should be reported on blanks substantially as follows:

(1) Date, (2) exact age, (3) sex of patient, (4) name of physician reporting, (5) names of previous physicians consulted, (6) disease, (7) is diagnosis positive, (8) date of infection, (9) place of infection, (10) source of infection, (11) complications thus far present, (12) to what extent is the patient a menace to society.

The report should be made obligatory on the part of the attending physician on penalty of fine.

That we urge upon the authorities the need of two public clinics to deal with two serious phases of the social evil.

(1) A venereal disease clinic should at once be established in which such diseases are diagnosed and if necessary treated free.

(2) A psychological clinic or board ought to be established in connection with the schools, the department of public charities, the health board, and the courts.

In the work of the schools, the commission of the department and the board of health an increasingly large number of persons is found below normal in mental capacity.

(3) The home for the feeble-minded should be enlarged and graded by the state legislature and we invite all human and social agencies to aid us in a propaganda to bring it before the authorities.

The Economic Facts.

It has been calculated that there are over 27,000 girls and women in Bridgeport working in gainful occupations; which means that a greater proportion are employed in factories. The temptations which surround a large number of these girls and women are genuine and peculiar.

There is no clear evidence before us that the size of wages has affected either the number or the character of those who have gone into clandestine trade of vices which we invite all employers in Bridgeport to feel that employers in Bridgeport could reduce these temptations by careful attention to some situations in their establishments.

We have found that the sharp irregularity of wages which often obtains from season to season has a tendency in some industries to make girls discouraged and careless.

We recommend that employers pay more attention to the physical environment of their plants.

We recommend that the employers of the city carry on scientific welfare work in their plants. We are aware that we are suggesting what may seem difficult if not impossible at this time.

We recommend that employers guard more closely the relations of the sexes in their plants. While vice is not common in the factories, there is much familiarity and in cases reported to us, frequent indecency.

The Social Facts.

We know that all conditions in Bridgeport are abnormal at the present time, and that it would be most unwise to draw some kinds of inference. Yet we are shown even by the abnormal conditions what some tendencies really are.

There can be no satisfactory family life without privacy. Where this is taken away by insufficient quarters, in the case of the poor, the temptation to find satisfaction or pleasure in the street or questionable resorts is almost uncontrollable. At the present time thousands of families in Bridgeport are living in cramped and unsanitary quarters, with all the attendant evils of overcrowding and the breakdown of the restraints of privacy. A large number of women are living in single bedrooms, without any proper environmental safeguards.

(1) That the authorities use all the means at their command to prevent overcrowding, and to force landlords to obey the law with regard to this very necessary regulation for public health and morals.

(2) That there be some moral oversight of the various distinct communities of our city, and that all undesirable persons known to the authorities be requested to leave the city.

(3) That persons living on the edge of respectability or on the poverty line be reported to the various charitable or church agencies of the city with a view to family rehabilitation.

The Recreational Facts.

The conviction has been forced upon us more deeply all the time as our investigation has progressed, that much vice comes from the lack of healthful recreation. Like our own, recreation must follow the strain and stress of labor.

We make the following recommendations:

(1) In view of the fact that much vice comes from the lack of normal and healthful recreation, and as the opportunities for such recreation in Bridgeport are small and totally inadequate in the present rapid growth of the city, we advise that the mayor and common council appoint a recreation commission who shall see that a recreational survey of the city is made and that they bring in a plan for the extension of recreational facilities to cover a large group of years.

The commission ought to deal with the dance halls, the cabarets, the school recreations, school canteens, play grounds, theaters, moving picture shows, park amusements and all athletics.

(2) After such a commission has reported we would urge that a permanent recreation commission be created to take into the power and authority all the public amusements, shows and recreations of the city. This commission should have the right to grant or withhold or rescind licenses; it should have the power to enforce its orders; and it should organize with the help of the various boards and organizations, recreations in schools, parks, districts and theaters, its control over the city's amusements, shows and theaters should be complete.

In view of the fact that at the present time our parks are little more than parades and resting places with only a minimum of police protection, we recommend:

(1) That during the warm season the parks be better patrolled by the police to prevent much clandestine vice that goes on, especially at night.

(2) That the parks be better lighted than they now are to protect the large number of persons who would use them for legitimate purposes but who shun them at such times owing to their unsavory reputation.

One of the most shocking and alarming situations brought to our attention was the number of children on the border line of puberty who have an abnormal knowledge of sex life, frequently in its most disgusting forms, or who have gone over into vice itself. In practically every case such knowledge or experience came from imperfect teaching in the life of the sex function. They have learned it in the street, in contact with loose men and women, and very often in the unfortunate life of the home.

In our judgment, there are four normal and satisfactory ways in which the facts of the sex function can be taught in the education of a child.

They should all be used—the biological, the physical training, the ethical and the religious methods; they show in turn the facts, the personal apprehensions, the moral implications and the sacredness of the sex relation.

We therefore, make these recommendations:

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND TO PARENTS.

(1) (a) That the school board introduce a course in biology, open for all pupils of fourteen years and over.

(b) That in cases where it shall be considered helpful, principals or teachers shall be encouraged to hold conferences with parents, singly or in groups, in order that the responsibility of parents for the sexual cleanliness of their children may be impressed upon them, and that they receive the proper instruction or facts which shall enable them to deal with their own children directly.

(c) That the literature or hygiene associations which is now being so handy and helpful form, be distributed to parents and guardians whenever it shall be deemed wise to do so.

(d) We recommend that the ethical value of chastity and purity be carefully and exactly taught in the development of ideals, in the study of virtues, in the examples of literature and art and history, and in the study of the practical life.

TO TEACHERS OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

2. We recommend increased facilities for physical training and recreation under the supervision of a competent to deal with sex problems.

TO EMPLOYERS OF LABOR.

We recommend to employers of large groups of men and women, in view of the success of similar methods elsewhere, that they employ the service of experts to teach by lectures or conferences the value, economically and physically, or the clean life.

TO CHURCHES.

We recommend that the churches aid in the work of education by defining teaching along these lines—the sacredness of the sex relation, the relation of purity to character, the religious sanction as the highest motive for the clean life.

TO THE CITY.

We recommend, finally, that the program of sex betterment should be worked out in detail by a public morals commission or a public welfare board.

The Facts of Social Hygiene.

We are convinced that there is a right and needful publicity necessary with regard to facts of sex and the dissemination of sexual diseases. The success which has attended this kind of publicity in Europe, and which has fortified virtue and modesty instead of offending them, makes us feel that the medical fact of our city help much in devising ways and means to acquaint the people with the kind of knowledge most necessary. We are not prepared to make any definite recommendations along this line as we are convinced that the action which should be taken would have to be determined by expert opinion. But we do call on the doctors of our city to aid us in dealing with a problem which has passed out of the realm of less stare of fatalism into a question for scientific attack and application.

The Legal Facts.

There are numerous laws, state and municipal, which deal with the grosser aspects of our problem, especially with those crimes which outrage most flagrantly public decency and social repute.

We recommend that the police which refuses to countenance or allow a segregated district be continuing.

We recommend that prostitutes who are arrested be treated with legal and moral consistency, and with a proper regard for public health, safety and authority.

We recommend that the courts in conjunction with the charities depart-

ment extend the probation system in the cases of prostitutes, and that the women be kept under surveillance.

We recommend that the laws on wife desertion be strictly carried out. Two recommendations to the state legislature which are of critical importance at this time.

We recommend that the so-called Iowa injunction and abatement law, which has been adopted in many states, be enacted at the earliest possible date. This law, which has been found most efficacious in killing commercialized vice in a number of states, is a statute whereby houses of prostitution are designated as nuisances, and citizens are given the right to institute summary proceedings in equity for the abatement of the nuisance, and the penalty for prostitution is placed on the owner or owners of the building or property where prostitution occurs. The passing of this law was most strongly urged by the Hartford vice commission.

We recommend that the state establish a farm and reformatory for prostitutes, similar to those successfully and scientifically run in other states, to which women might be committed for treatment and preparation for a return to normal and respectable life.

In view of the fact that venereal diseases are among the most virulent afflictions which afflict the community, and resistant to all ordinary treatment, we recommend that the law forbidding drug stores prescribing be broadened to include patent medicines, and that it be strictly enforced.

The Moral and Religious Facts.

Those who have studied the sex and vice problem scientifically are assured that three-fourths of sex vice is made inevitable by unnatural stimulation and by lack of safeguards.

We recommend a morals commission, chosen by the mayor, to hold office without pay, and who shall use an appropriation as need may arise for investigation and oversight into any conditions which affect the morals and public order of the community.

We recognize the virtuous and religious home as the only stable unit in the social life of our city. It is our conviction that the conservation of the homes of our city in all that makes for chivalry, purity and honor would simplify the vice problem to the proportions which are contemplated in law. Indifference to a vice situation is a blow at every home, which it may enter at any time.

These recommendations we make that the home may be preserved and that the state may endure.

POSTOFFICE NOTES.

Contract postoffice station 81 will be established in the drug store of William Kinella at 1192 East Main street.

Concerning the admission of parcels to the soldiers of the allies now in France the Daily Bulletin of Orders, which the postal service says this morning:

"Parcels containing tobacco, cigars or cigarettes sent by donors residing in foreign countries for the armies in the field and the military hospitals or ambulances are admitted free of customs duty provided they are addressed directly and exclusively to the minister of war who will have charge of their distribution to the troops in the fighting or sanitary unit to which he wished to send the article, written thereon by the donor, may be included in the address as a statement of the donor's desire that the military authorities should be the final judge as the possibility of complying therewith."

"Individual parcels sent by private persons from foreign countries addressed to military persons are exempted from the military postal law, and parcels sent by private persons from foreign countries addressed to military persons are exempted from the military postal law, and parcels sent by private persons from foreign countries addressed to military persons are exempted from the military postal law."

Discussion Over Pay of Policemen

It is said that the members of the police commission are agreed on the 72 new policemen who are to be named to the police force and that the men will be named at the meeting of the board on Monday night. There has been much discussion regarding the pay of police officers since it was decided to increase the force.

The pay of a policeman during the first year of his service is \$2.75 per day or \$100.75 per year. For the next two years the pay is \$3 per day or \$109.50 per year. After the fourth year the pay is \$3.25 per day or \$119.25 per year.

Bridgeport Stars Play Lincoln Giants

The Bridgeport Stars, composed of well known diamond stars of this city, will play the Lincoln Giants in this city Wednesday. The game will be played at Newfield park, starting at 3:45. The line-up for the Bridgeport Stars will be: Slizer R. Bowden 2b, Burns 2b, Flaherty c, Burke lf, Hurley cf, Horkheimer ss, Clark 1b, Barron, Finn and White p.

The Lincoln Giants team is reported to be the best colored team in the country. Lloyd, who shortstops for the visitors, is one of the best in the country.

Mother and Child Die of Burns They Got From Gasoline

Both Mrs. Philippi Michelzoo and her five months' old child, who were burned at their home, 166 Sterling street, yesterday when an explosion of kerosene enveloped them, are both dead in Bridgeport hospital. The boy died last yesterday and the mother succumbed early this morning.

Dr. Deane To Talk On Shakespearean Tragedy, "Hamlet"

The Men's league of the Park Street Congregational church will hold its annual meeting in the lecture room of the church Thursday evening, May 18. Apropos of the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, Dr. Charles W. Deane will lecture on Shakespeare's greatest tragedy, "Hamlet." It will be a rare treat, and everyone is invited.

HERZ OWNS FLOUR.

The question of ownership of a shipment of flour which has delayed the settlement of the J. W. Ziegler estate of this city, was settled today by a decision of Referee John W. Banks.

Nathan Herz, trustee of the Ziegler estate.

FIND STOLEN CARS

Two automobiles taken from Court street yesterday afternoon have been recovered by the police. George Moffatt of Fairfield and Thomas J. Seward of 118 Marion street, owned the cars.

LENNON'S FOUND DEAD IN BED AT SYRACUSE HOTEL

Local Salesman's Brother-in-Law Finds Relative Missing Two Days.

John Lennon of 271 Vine street, a traveling salesman for Warner Bros. and widely known throughout this city where he had lived all his life, was found dead in bed in the Onandaga hotel, Syracuse, N. Y., late last night. Mr. Lennon had been a sufferer from kidney trouble for several years, and it is thought that that was the cause of death.

Mr. Lennon was expected to return to his home in this city on Wednesday of last week, but he did not appear, and failed to communicate with his wife in accordance with his custom, his relatives here became alarmed and began to inquire at the hotel where he was known to be stopping. They were told that he was registered there but was not in his room.

His brother-in-law, John Bray, decided to go to Syracuse leaving early this morning from New York. At noon, Mrs. Lennon received a telegram from her brother saying that they had found her husband dead in bed, and that he had been dead for two days. He had taken a bath, wound his watch and placed it under his pillow as usual and gone to bed.

Mr. Lennon was born in Newtown about 40 years ago. Twelve years ago he married Miss Margaret Bray. He was a member of the Bridgeport lodge of Elks and was a communicant of St. Augustine's church.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Cole and Mrs. Frank Digney, both of this city. The body will be brought to this city tomorrow.

Second floor.

Smart Middies for girls.

How the middy blouse has developed into a really handsome bit of girls' wear!

Just think; rose and green linen with white collar and cuffs and handsome hand-done smoking; or white silk poplin with beautiful hand smoking!

And poplin in light blue or reseda or rose with white trimmings.—\$1.50.

Or pure white with collar embroidered in red or blue silk.—\$1.25.

Or similar white with collar and yoke trimmed in clever Roman stripes.—\$1.25.

Or white with collar and cuffs and a belt in coin color \$1.25.

And Norfolk middies that have just the jauntiness one likes but of sports attire to have. All white, with side pockets and an effective detachable belt.—\$1.25.

Wash skirts for wear with middies are just as attractive and tasteful—and in sizes from 12 to 16.

White or tan oxford cloth, with two pockets, belted, side pleated.—\$2.

White pique with effective button trimming, full back, side pockets. Intermediate sizes ranging from 26 to 31 waist and 26 to 36 inches in length.—\$2.50.

Second floor.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

IN CELL 37 YEARS, BRIDGEPORT MAN ASKS FOR PARDON

Hartford, May 12.—The name of Frank Bassett, of Bridgeport, who has been in prison since 1879, was among those in a list of 36 applicants to go before the board of pardons, next month.

Henry B. Chamberlin of New Haven, a somewhat famous prisoner, confined since 1887, makes his 34th application.

Alleged "Fences" Are Fined \$25 and Costs

Two junk dealers convicted in the city court today with having received stolen goods from minors were fined \$25 and costs with 10 day jail sentences suspended upon good behavior.

Charles of speeding against Frank C. Wege, 343 Carroll avenue and Frank Tureski of 404 State street, two jitney drivers were nolle in the city court by Deputy Judge Wilder today.

The men were arrested Tuesday at the instance of officials of the Bridgeport Jitney Owners Protective association who charged that they were racing in State street. The accused denied the charge and told the court that their arrest was procured because they had refused to join the association.

WANTS DIVORCE.

Papers were filed in the superior court today in divorce proceedings brought by Sophie Adler Pollack of Stamford against Solomon Pollack of Norwalk. Deseret March 5, 1912 is alleged. The couple were married August 22, 1906. The action is returnable to the June term.

BRASS CO. MASS MEETING.

A mass meeting of machinists of both the main and union plants of the Bridgeport Brass Co. will be held either Tuesday or Wednesday evening when the strike of the union branch workers will be considered.

VIOLATED CITY ORDINANCE.

Henry Ames, 27, is under arrest charged with violation of a city ordinance.

GUN TOWER JAILED

Fred Smith of 2367 Park avenue, was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to 10 days in jail in the city court today. He was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons. He appealed.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

First today were at 1971 Main street, where a waste paper basket began to burn in the cellar of a pool room, doing little damage, and at 44 Arch street, where a rubbish fire in the rear yard was extinguished without trouble.

HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street

Bridgeport, Conn. The Weather:—Fair tonight and Sunday.

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